At present, the vaccines required for the Immunisation Programme except Polio Vaccine are being manufactured within the country and it is hoped that by mid 1992 Oral Polio Vaccine will also be fully produced indigenously.

Neonatal Treatment

644. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the neonatal death rate in India;

(b) whether the country is self-sufficient in the production of neonatal equipments like Neonatal Incubator;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what measures are proposed to be taken to meet the requirements?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) According to the latest estimate, neonatal mortality rate at national level as obtained from Sample Registration System of the Registrar General of India for the year 1987 is 57.7 per thousand live births.

(b) to (d) Neonatal equipments like incubators are produced indigenously in the country. In addition, to assist newborn care units of district and sub-district hospitals and medical colleges, equipment received from UNICEF and WHO have also been supplied to 70 institutions.

Suggestion made by late GM of HMT Factory, Srinagar to declare Lockout

645. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that late Shri H. L. Khera, G.M., H.M.T., Srinagar had urged Government to declare lockout in the factory on 3rd April, 1990, due to violence in the valley; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government forced him to keep the factory running;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken for the safety and security of the factory in Srinagar?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer given in (a) and (b) above.

(d) The safety and security of HMT Watch Factory at Srinagar is under the charge of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Amongst various steps, measures have also been taken to strengthen security further by intensifying the patrolling in and around the factory.

Mis-appropriation of Public Money by M/s. Laxmichand Bhagaji Limited

646. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. LaxmAichand Bhagaji Limited a non-banking financial company has stopped functioning and siphoned off large amount of money of small epositors running into crores of rupees; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have initiated any action against the company to recover the depositors' money; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government has received a number of complaints from the depositors against

M|s. Laxmichand Bhagaji Limited, a non-banking financial company, alleging non-refund of their deposits. The deposit acceptance schemes of such financial companies are governed by the directions issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra, has filed a petition for winding up of the company under Section 433|439 of the Companies Act, 1956 and the Hon. High Court at Bombay ordered appointment of the Official Liquidator as Provisional Liquidator of the company *vide* Orders dated 5-4-1990. Subsequently, in the application under Section 391 of the Act, the Hon. High Court directed that the Provisional Liquidator shall make an inventory of all the assets of the company; that the company shall not dispose of or part with the possession or create any third party right or interest in respect of any of the assets of the company; and that the Official Liquidator shall not take possession until further orders. The matter is now posted for hearing before the Hon. High Court on 27-6-1990 and the matter is sub-judice.

Appointment of Nursing Orderly in AIIMS

647. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while sending requisition to the Employment Exchange in September, 1989, for the post of Nursing Orderly, the concerned Administrative Authorities of C&N Centre neglected the requirement of the Recruitment Rules;

(b) whther it is also a fact that officers concerned who manipulated are still continuing in the centre;

(c) whether it is also a fact that lists sponsored by the Employment Exchanges for the post of Nursing Orderly are lying pending in C&N Centre as well as in De-addiction Centre; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by the concerned higher authorities of A.I.I.M.S. in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have reported that in September, 1989 while sending the requisition to the Employment Exchange for the post of Nursing Orderly, the concerned authorities of the Cardithoracic and Neuro Science Centre inadvertantly mentioned the prescribed qualifications from a copy of the proposed Recruitment Rules which were yet to be approved by the Institute. As soon as the mistake was realised a revised requisition with the qualifications as prescribed in the existing Recruitment Rules was sent to the Employment Exchange for nomination of candidates. The lists sponsored by the Employment Exchange for the post of Nursing Orderly as per the qualifications prescribed in the existing Recruitment Rules have been received by the Institute in the last week of March, 1990 and the same are under process for holding interviews shortly. No manipulation has been done and hence the question of taking action against the authorities concerned does not arise.

Safeguarding Airports from Terrorist groups of Punjab and J&K

648. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received threat from major terrorist groups of Punjab and J&K to blow up airports in the country; and

(b) if so, what precautionary steps Government have taken for the safety of the airports?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b)